

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Election lawsuits in Alabama, stemming from the November 8th elections, are still cropping up and/or bouncing from one court to another. Monday U. S. District Judge Alex Howard, of Mobile, ruled on the 2,000 absentee votes not properly witnessed. He said "forget them." Now we expect to see the losing side appeal that decision. In fact that was expected even before the judge announced which side won. What will happen if the results of the November General Election have been certified by the time the administration is scheduled to change in January? Will some of the new guys take over anyway or will the present officeholders remain in office until the courts have heard all the cases?

On top of those statewide challenges, Democrat Terry Ellis, a candidate for state senate from the 31st District, which includes Coffee County, has filed a contest in his election loss. Experts tell us this type challenge is settled in the Alabama legislature after lawyers get their volumes of evidence bundled into a neat package. A crazy twist to this could put Republican Dwight Adams helping decide the continuance or termination of his own term in political office.

All this election challenging is new ground to us and definitely a learning experience for this old brain. Whatever happens, it should remind every voter that it is important for each person to go to the polls on election day. Even for those who vote differently than I do (or maybe especially for those whose opinions differ with mine), the right to vote could gradually be lost if it is not used on a regular basis.

One of our classics, "The Nutcracker" Ballet, was being presented at the Davis Theatre in Montgomery last Sunday. A twist of events landed two tickets in our lap and we drove up Sunday afternoon. Those children and the adults involved did a good job and both Heddy and I enjoyed the performance. We have owned an LP record of the music for 40 years, have seen it on TV, but this was our first time to ever see this wonderful ballet live. During intermission my mind was wandering and thinking, "Now here is something good, it is enjoyable and clean... something no one can complain about." But then, alas we remembered... all the girls got dolls for Christmas and the boys got horns. Plus the boys were interrupting and the girls being sweet. That is fodder for the bleeding hearts who are offended at any indication boys and girls might be different. No, we have not heard that complaint yet, but just wait, they will get around to it one day.

The Alabama surgeon is not on the endangered list, at least not at this moment. State politicians, including Senator Howell Heflin and Representative Terry Everett, have been working for this relief for months. However the environmentalists are still trying for the designation. Business interests argue that such a designation will shut down barge traffic on the Alabama River and related streams.

The experts now know why I am fat... the rats (and probably me also) have a gene which doesn't click off when enough food has been eaten. Therefore the rats (and again probably me) keep eating when we should quit. While many people see this as a sign medical researchers may soon find a successful way to control overeating, we heard one fat woman on the tube complaining. She was afraid these experts would engineer her and all other fat folks out of existence!

Utility employee responds to report in last week's issue of paper

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

City Councilman Earl McCollough was arrested recently on a warrant signed by Larry Eddins of the Elba Water and Electric Department.

Following the report last week, quoting McCollough, Eddins correctly said his view point should have been printed also.

During his lunch hour the following day Eddins visited the offices of *The Elba Clipper* and related the following:

"I was called to City Hall by Mr. Henry Clark to pick up some work orders. About 8:15, while I

was waiting for the work orders to be completed, Mr. McCollough yelled from the city clerk's office, 'If he does not want to do anything, send his G... D... A... home, or I will.'"

Eddins showed a signed copy of a statement to this effect addressed to Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood. He added that he did go into the office and tell McCollough, "Send me home, if you think you can."

Eddins explained he was only in the city hall for a few minutes and was there because his supervisor had sent him to pick up work orders necessary before any meter pulling work could begin.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of November 29, 1994 through December 5, 1994.

They were: Shikell Flowers, L. M. Burch, Eunice Bonwell, Zola Meek, Christine Worrell, Ervin Blackmon, Alonzo Cole, Lou Emma Crook, Jack Flowers, Odell Black, Theo Mauldin, B.M. Fuller, Vassie Ward, Dorothy Williams, Bill Morrow, Foy Flowers, "Kim Sanders, Nell Clemmons, Exa Driggers, and Mark Davis.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Ruby Edwards, Jeremy Jackson, Blakell Flowers, L.M. Burch, Eva Ammons, Boncille Bush, Christine Worrell, and Zola Meek.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

NOVEMBER 29 Thru DECEMBER 5, 1994

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, November 29, 1994, investigated the following incidents: one harassing communication, two assaults, one trespassing, two criminal possessions of a forged instrument, one hit and run, and one reckless driving.

The following arrest was made: one for menacing.

The following traffic citations were issued: six for speeding, one for no driver's license, one for driving while driver's license was suspended, one for an expired tag, and one for improper passing.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - Alarm at Elba General Hospital (4:53 a.m.); Fire trucks dispatched to gas leak at Elba Nursing Home (5:20 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (6:38 a.m.); Wreck at Kleiner's (6:43 a.m.); River stage 5.95 feet (6:58 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (12:15 p.m.); Alarm at Week's Tire (3:18 p.m.); Rescue run to residence on U.S. Hwy. 84E (11:27 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - Wreck at Elba General Hospital (2:00 p.m.); Rescue run to residence on Drayton Ave. (8:56 p.m.); Rescue run to residence on Dunham St. (9:37 p.m.); Rescue run to residence on U.S. Hwy. 84E (10:57 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 - River stage 8.25 feet (6:40 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 - River stage 7.90 feet (7:01 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Dunham St. (12:36 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Neil Grantham Dr. (8:18 p.m.); Rescue run to Southland Brollers (10:29 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 - River stage 7.25 feet (7:02 a.m.); Alarm at The Jewel Box (8:54 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Martin

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman

Terry Everett

Clinton Does About-Face On Defense Spending

Last week I wrote in this column that the Clinton administration's emasculation of our national defense is already causing readiness problems, something reluctantly admitted by the Pentagon's own top brass. Mr. Clinton is now backpedaling on some of his threatened defense cuts in order to protect military readiness.

After vowing to slash national defense spending by \$157 billion by 1999, President Clinton now says he's gone too far and wants to ease off of the cuts by \$25 billion. His apparent about-face is in reality more of a band aid and quick fix than a cure.

Under the Clinton five-year plan defense spending would be slashed to 2.8 percent of the Gross Domestic Product by the end of the decade - the lowest level since the Great Depression of the 1930's.

In a world where determined adversaries and proliferating weapons of mass destruction still threaten our national security, we cannot afford to short-change our national security. Nor can we sacrifice our future military capability and technological edge in order to fund more social welfare programs today.

The Clinton Administration's "Bottom-Up Review" of the military claims to embrace the Bush national security strategy of maintaining forces capable of fighting and winning two major wars simultaneously, but pretends that this can be achieved by dramatically downsizing our military force structure and proposing a defense budget insufficient to fund even those smaller forces.

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AREA DEATHS

JESSIE MAE LANE

Jessie Mae Lane, age 56, died Saturday, December 3, 1994. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 5, 1994 from the Nazareth Baptist Church of Opp, AL with Rev. W. H. Bass officiating.

Burial followed in the Kinston Cemetery, Kinston, AL with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters, Winnie Jean (Tony) Blum, JoAnn Lane, and Lisa Lane, all of Opp, AL; three sons, Preston Lane, Glen Lane, and Richard Lane, all of Opp, AL; three brothers, Oscar Lane, Azor Lane of Ft. Walton Beach, FL, and Norman Lane of Lakeland, FL; a sister-in-law, Linda Stephens of St. Louis, MO; and a maternal aunt, Corrie Terrell of IN. Maxie Reed and Namonie Stack of Dothan, AL; two great grandchildren; a host of nephews, nieces, and other relatives and friends.

She had one son, Tobie Lane, who preceded her in death.

JAMES CHAPMAN HINES

James Chapman Hines, age 56 of Opp, Alabama, died Tuesday, November 29, 1994 in an Opp, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, December 3, 1994 from the Nazareth Baptist Church of Opp, AL with Rev. W. H. Bass officiating.

Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Hines of Opp, AL; two daughters, Sherla R. (Isiah) Austin of Opp, AL and Carla D. (Edward) Smith of Panama Canal; two sons, Demetrius (April) Hines of Opp, AL and Vincent E. (Janice) Hines of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; three sisters, Vilva Bowick, Miss Willie D. Hines, and Miss Cora Hines, all of Opp, AL; six brothers, Thomas Hines, Jr., Giles Hines, Conar Hines, William Hines, Mack Hines, and Bobby Cunningham, all of Opp, AL; his mother-in-law, Louise Rogers of Elba, AL; 8 sisters-in-law; 5 brothers-in-law; 6 grandchildren; one great-niece, three great-aunts; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

To make matters worse, the administration seeks to fund ever greater non-defense programs from the Pentagon budget. Such programs as foreign aid, peacekeeping, defense conversion, and environmental remedial, do not belong in a bare bones defense budget.

Meanwhile, training and military exercises so crucial to retaining an edge in combat are truncated or eliminated, and key research, development, and procurement of high technology weapons systems - America's defense future - are being sharply curtailed.

The bottom line is this: Our men and women in uniform need our full support, not public relations gimmickry from the White House.

The new conservative Congress will have a unique opportunity to curb the Clinton Administration's shortsightedness on defense spending when it is sworn in next year.

Rest assured the world will be watching.

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Red Cross Blood Drive to be held Saturday, December 10th

A blood donation is one of the all healthy individuals to give the most precious gifts anyone can give, best gift of all on Saturday, December 10, 1994 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Elba Army National Guard located on Larkin Road.

We Get Letters...

Dear Mr. Cox:

With so much bad publicity from negative political campaigns, we all need to take notice of a few of our local politicians who campaigned very hard yet kept their campaigns clean and positive. Garreth Moore, Terry Spicer, Judge Marion Brunson, Bill Gammit, Tom Head, Jim Weatherford, Lloyd McCammon, and Steve Blair all worked hard in their campaigns and deserve every vote they received. These gentlemen are to be commended, and they should all be considered as winners. I do not remember a negative word spoken by any of them.

With all the negative campaigning around us, let's all remember to express our appreciation to these local candidates who campaigned valiantly in the arena without shaming us with dirty politics that seem to have become the norm.

Congratulations to each one of you.

Best wishes,
Mark Vaughan

Dear Ferrin,

If you are caught with marijuana or some lesser drug in the 12th Judicial Circuit, you are very likely to enter a guilty plea and serve a term in prison. Any thing of a major nature is very likely to go unpunished or at most a slap on the wrist saying you were naughty and don't do it again. Is this due to the inept prosecution or what? I'd like to know.

Sincerely yours,
J. Elbert Peters
Chairman, Alabama Republican Party
(205) 859-3186

MacArthur State Tech. College announces President's & Dean's List

Seventy-five students maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above during the Fall Quarter 1994, qualifying them to be listed on the MacArthur State Technical College Dean's List.

These students are: Benjamin B. Fleming, Jeneeda L. Hardwick, Mark Y. Jett, Thomas L. Jones, and Marion L. White, all of Elba; Donna M. Jacobs of Glenwood; AL; James C. Rodgers of Kinston, AL; and Angela F. Hazel of New Brockton, AL.

Sixty-nine students maintained "A" averages during Fall Quarter 1994, qualifying them to be listed on the MacArthur State Technical College President's List.

Honor students include: Marsha D. Cook, Donna L. Findore, Mark D. Flowers, Glenda M. Quattlebaum, and Melaine D. Snell, all of Elba; Stephanie D. Cosby, Aaron P. Davis, William Lewis Jones, Tonya A. Rabren, and Pamela A. Thomaston, all of Kinston; Michael W. Brown and Billy L. Dickey, both of New Brockton.

There are a handful of Democrat Party bosses, with the help of several personal injury trial lawyers, who are trying to take the November 8th election away from the voters of Alabama.

As tabulation errors were corrected in the days following the November 8th election, Democrat and Republican observers, alike, realized that the people of Alabama had elected Judge Perry Hooper, a Republican, as the new Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court.

This handful of Democrat Party bosses are not even accustomed to

being challenged by the Republicans-much less losing to them. The thought that the people of Alabama had elected someone other than their candidate made this group desperate.

Knowing that Sonny Hornsby had lost unless they "found some more votes" for him, these Democrat bosses and trial lawyers turned to Montgomery County Circuit Judge Gene Reese for help.

After a hastily called hearing which began after sunset, Gene Reese issued an order which required county election officials to count their previously rejected absentee ballots and to count them even though they lacked the signatures required by Alabama law.

It is obvious that Gene Reese will issue just about any order that will help the Democrat Party agenda. This is not the first time that he has done the bidding of the Democrat bosses.

The type of ballots in question have not been counted in prior elections. They will be counted in this election only if the Democrat bosses and trial lawyers have their way. If they do have their way in this case, Alabama voters will be denied a fair, honest and properly conducted election.

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Social Notes

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Cole honored with reception



Mr. & Mrs. Eric Cole

C.C. Retired Teachers & Support Personnel to meet

The Coffee County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet at the Coffee County Board of Education Building on Reddick Hill in Elba, AL, on Tuesday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. All members are invited to attend.



Virginia DeVan Miley

Virginia DeVan Miley, daughter of Royce and Denise Miley of Jack, celebrated her first birthday on Sunday, December 4. Her grandparents are L.P. and Sylvia Hussey of Elba and Donald and Diane Miley of Troy. Virginia celebrated with a party with family and friends.

Three-In-One Study Club meets Dec. 1st

The Three-In-One Study Club met on December 1, 1994, in the Educational Building of the Elba United Methodist Church.

The president, Mrs. Pauline Allen, called the meeting to order. Mrs. E.M. Warr gave a timely devotion. A short social hour with refreshments was enjoyed by members and guests.

Mrs. Mark Holt presented a beautiful children's Christmas musical program featuring the Carol Choir of the Elba United Methodist Church which consists of children in grades K-2. To have their script complete as a separate program, some of the Wesley Choir (grades 3-6) and the Youth Choir assisted.

Shea Ward and Charles Bozeman sang "People Need Christmas" from the Youth Choir. Speakers and singers from the Carol Choir were Melanie Mulder, Lauren Suley, and Melissa Mulder sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem".

The guests were served a delicious buffet style lunch consisting of buffalo style hot wings, cocktail sausage, chicken salad sandwiches, pimiento cheese, and fruit.

The food table was covered with a white cloth overlaid with white lace, accented with peach bows and a beautiful floral arrangement.

The bride table was covered with white lace, accented with peach bows. It held the bride cake, mints, and nuts. The cake was peach and white.

The groom's table was covered with white lace, accented with peach bows. It held a chocolate cake covered with fruit, nuts, and mints.

Punch was served from a beautiful crystal punch bowl by Komiko Daniels and Lisa Kendrick. The many lovely and useful gifts were displayed on a table in the fellowship hall.

Hosting this occasion were: Janice Cole, Annise Coleman, Betty Refegee, Jessie M. Daniels, Frances Daniels, Mary A. Young, Tommie M. Faison, Shirley Coleman, Ola Woods, Beverly Lipton, Allie Tillis, Sarah Magwood, Florence Barnes, Evelyn Mincy, Porchia Jones, Phyllis Barnes, Margaret Rowe, Brenda Daniels, Margaret Daniels, Norma Young, Clara Dozier, and Bernice Culver.

Hayes Ballard is the Spicer's first child. He and his mom are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Spicer, (nee Ceina Hayes) would like to announce the arrival of their son, Hayes Ballard Spicer, born Friday, November 4, 1994. He weighed 9 lbs. and 6 ozs. at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hayes III and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spicer, all of Elba. Great grandparents are Mrs. Frances Colquett of Elba and Mrs. Sally Spicer of Coffee Springs.

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Miss Delisa Blair entertained with miscellaneous bridal shower

Miss Delisa Blair, bride-elect of Mr. Ken Parrish, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower on Sunday, November 27 from two until half past three at the lovely home of Mrs. Carolyn Kelley, which was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.

The receiving line was composed of Miss Delisa Blair, honoree, Mrs. Barbara Blair, mother of the bride, and Mrs. Diane Parrish, mother of the groom.

Guests were directed into the dining room where they were served cheese straws, petit fours, heart-shaped mints, nuts, and punch.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Mrs. Carolyn Kelley, Mrs. Henrietta Grimes, Mrs. Barbara Hudson, Mrs. Mable Lee, Mrs. Shirley Henderson, Mrs. Bertie Boland, Mrs. Ann Lawford, Mrs. Frances Bradshaw, Mrs. Deloris Marsh, Mrs. Vernette Maddox, Mrs. Patsy Matthews, Mrs. Jean Spurlin, Mrs. Ramona Ross, Mrs. Shirley Morrow, Mrs. Sam Bradley.

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club held its December meeting.

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club met December 1, 1994 in the Elba Nursing Home. One of the club's community projects is to furnish and decorate the Christmas tree for the residents. As the members trimmed the tree, that stands in the dining room, many of the residents enjoyed watching and listening to Christmas music.

Later, the club members met at the Elba United Methodist Church for a Christmas luncheon. The educational building was decorated for the Christmas season. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses: Mrs. Jean Kennett and Mrs. Lurline Martin. Other members attending were: Mrs. Helen Bruckner, Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, Mrs. Margaret Hasty, Mrs. Mavis Hataway, Mrs. Jean Jacobs, Mrs. Allene Lee, Mrs. Mary Lee, Mrs. Addie Bell Martin, Mrs. Ann Miles, Mrs. Ardleen Newman, Mrs. Myrtle Sellers, Mrs. Catherine Spurlin, and Mrs. Erma Warr.

Heather Reeves announces the birth of her new baby brother, Timothy Jacob (T.J.). Reeves. Timothy was born at 5:50 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 1994 at Enterprise Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Heather and Timothy are the children of Frank and Renee Reeves of Elba. They are the grandchildren of Frank and Pearl Reeves of Elba. John Newsham of Montgomery and Glenda Gillis of Elba.

Patricia Morgan Miley celebrates 7th birthday

Patricia Morgan Miley, daughter of Royce and Denise Miley of Jack, will celebrate her 7th birthday today, Thursday, December 8. Her grandparents are L.P. and Sylvia Hussey of Elba and Donald and Diane Miley of Troy. Patricia celebrated with a party with family and friends.

Caitlin Elizabeth Lewis celebrates third birthday

Caitlin Elizabeth Lewis celebrated her 3rd birthday on December 2, 1994. Caitlin is the daughter of Keith C. and Merri Lewis of Enterprise.

Her grandparents are Lloyd and Betty Lewis of Elba and Charles and Marjorie Littlejohn of Enterprise.

Her great grandparents are Elizabeth Coleman of Elba and Clara Swanson and Sarah Littlejohn, both of Lafayette, Georgia.

Caitlin has a big brother, Michael. Morgan has one brother, Jesse, who is 5 years old.

Amanda Cheri Mills is seven years old

Amanda Cheri Mills will celebrate her 7th birthday on December 14, 1994. Amanda is the daughter of Steven and Cindy Mills of Enterprise.

Grandparents are Lloyd and Betty Lewis of Elba and Billy and Joann Mills of Enterprise.

Her great grandparents are Elizabeth Coleman of Elba and Nettie Pearl Rhodes of Enterprise.

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As we think of the happiness and excitement of Christmas with all the decorations, the parties and exchanging gifts it is truly an enjoyable time. I believe that everyone can have a great Christmas if their priorities are in the right order. There is an old hymn we sing in our churches that says, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."

These words say to me that if my life is focused on Jesus Christ, then the problems and burdens of this world will not rob me of true happiness. As we put up the tree with all the lights, we should be reminded that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. As we put up our nativity scenes, we should be reminded that Jesus Christ was born in a humble stable. As we plan to give and receive gifts, we should be reminded of the greatest gift ever given (when God gave His only Son), and that gift is for everyone who chooses to receive it. As we attend the various

cantatas and programs at church, we should be reminded that Jesus who was born in the stable in Bethlehem grew up to be a man and then He gave His life for the church. I am convinced if we are reminded of these things during the coming days then we are headed for a glorious Christmas.

Jesus said, "I come that you might have life and that you may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) Please believe that He says and know that He loves you. Go to church this Sunday as an expression of your love for Him.

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"Gabriel's Song" to be presented by Enterprise First Assembly of God

"Gabriel's Song" Christmas Musical will be presented by the Enterprise First Assembly of God Sanctuary Choir on Sunday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m., and again on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Charles Sharp invites everyone to come experience the real reason to celebrate Christmas. Young and old alike will enjoy this tremendous musical celebrating Jesus' birth! First Assembly is located on the 84 by-pass across from the Wal-Mart Supercenter. A nursery will be provided for both performances.

Christmas Party for needy children planned for Dec. 16

A Christmas Party for as many Coffee County needy children as possible—complete with Santa—is set for Friday, December 16, 1994 at the home of Circuit Judge Gary McAlister.

If any individual or organization could help insure one or more children are given a Christmas, please contact Eva McGrath 393-2618 (day) or 347-0484 after 5:00 p.m. or mail contributions to: The Children's Christmas Fund, P.O. Box 306, Enterprise, AL 36331. All assistance is deeply appreciated.

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Selected scripture: St. Matthew 5:1-11.

Thinking of you, praying for you, Mrs. Patricia Chalmers, Mrs. Lovie Hooks, the Hines family, Marcelle family, the Lane family, Marcelle family.

December Birthdays
Derrick DeShawn Brooks: Dec. 4; Calvin Carpenter: Dec. 5; Marietta Carpenter: Dec. 8; Anthony Kelley: Dec. 11; Grover Belcher: Dec. 23; Rayfield Carpenter (In Memory): Dec. 24; Phyllis Barnes: Dec. 24; Mary N. Harris: Dec. 25; Mary L. Warren: Dec. 26.

Benefit Program
The pastor and members of Saint Mark Baptist Church, Glenwood, AL, sponsored a benefit program for Rev. and Sis. Jimmy Caldwell on December 4, 1994 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. J.G. Chatham, Moderator of the Mulberry District, was the guest speaker. Rev. William Head is pastor of Saint Mark.

Fifth Anniversary Program
honoring Rev. J.C. Fryer, pastor of Clay Hill Baptist Church, Coffee County Road 308, Jack, AL, will be held December 14-16 and 18, 1994.

Wednesday, December 14, 1994, 7:30 p.m. Guest churches will be Mt. Calvary, Pleasant Ridge, Holy Spring, and Old Mt. Zion. The sermon will be given by Rev. J.R. Parks.

Thursday, December 15, 1994, 7:30 p.m. Guest churches will be Shiloh (Tarentum), Rocky Head (Elba), Friendship (Glenwood) and Shady Grove. The sermon will be given by Rev. A.R. Williams.

Friday, December 16, 1994, 7:30 p.m. Guest churches will be St. Mary, New Hope, Bellwood, Lily White Holiness, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Olive, and Goshen First Baptist. The sermon will be given by Rev. Naim Wright.

Sunday, December 18, 1994. Morning worship will be at 11:30 a.m. At 2:30 p.m. the sermon will be given by Rev. Jimmy Fryer. A trib-

ute from the auxiliaries will follow. Deacon Fellowship: Dea. Sammy Adair; Usher Fellowship: Sis. Ruby Bate; Missionary Society Chorus: Sis. Ruby Bate; Youth Dept.: Sis. Mary Wright; Sunday School: Dea. W.J. Adair; Layman Dept.: Dea. John Earl Barr; Pastor's Aide Club: Sis. Gracie Adair.

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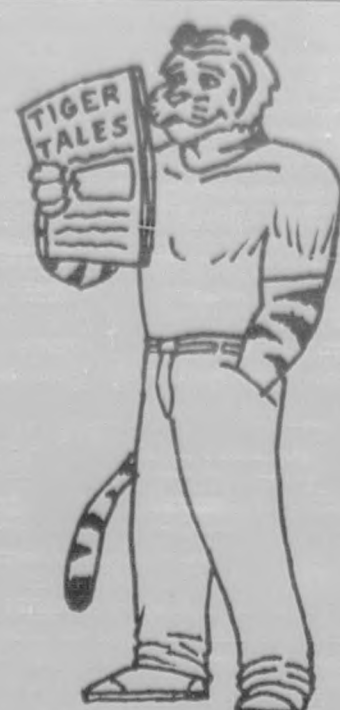
???Question??? Corner

by Cary Clark & Dawn Grimes
Most of us, especially teenagers, have something we would like to change about ourselves. For some it may be personality traits, while for others it may involve facial or bodily features. Although our "flaws" are a big deal to us, many students feel they are nonexistent or barely noticeable. Question Corner asked some ninth grade students to share what they would change about themselves.

Renee Horton: "My height."
Andrea Carney: "My hands."
Cassie Critchfield: "Definitely my hair."
Marcus Siler: "I want to be taller."
LaDon Daniels: "My bad temper."
Elizabeth Strong: "My eyes and my teeth."
Bonnie Vaughan: "That little, dark, brown freckle on the right side of my face."
Heather DuBoise: "My shoe size."
Julian Mitchell: "My attitude toward teachers."

Tiger Tales

Editor:
Elena Strong
Co-Editor:
Patrick Scarborough



FBLA News

by Annie Austin
On Tuesday, November 29, Vince Lawford, a loan officer at SouthTrust Bank, spoke to the EHS accounting class on banking. His presentation consisted of information concerning checking accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit. He explained the convenience of checks and checking accounts. The class was very attentive. Several students asked questions. They were able to leave class that day knowing how to start a checking account and how to use many other services offered by the bank.

Mu Alpha Theta

by Missy McDaniel
On Wednesday, November 9, 1994, Mu Alpha Theta met in Mrs. Sue Adkins' classroom. The meeting was presided over by Dawn Grimes, who currently serves as president, and Patrick Scarborough, who currently serves as vice-president of the club. They spoke of the meeting was how two objects of different or equal weight can be dropped in the vacuum and hit the ground at the same time. They demonstrated this by using a device to drop two balls of equal weight. The balls were released at the same time and hit the ground at the same time. They also used the overhead projector to demonstrate their TI-81 graphing calculators and punched in some calculations that could be graphed. The meeting was very useful to everyone who attended.

Whatever...

by Whomever
*Christmas Holidays are December 19-20.
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Student Council Officers Attend Conference

by Heather DuBoise
The Governor's House Conference Center in Montgomery was the location of the Leadership Conference for Students and Advisors, sponsored by the Alabama Council for School Administration and Supervision, on November 16, 1994. Elena Strong, Shea Ward, Elizabeth Strong, and Heather DuBoise, the 1994-95 Student Council officers, along with their advisor, Mrs. Rhonda Little, attended the conference.



Pictured above (l to r) are Elena Strong, Shea Ward, Elizabeth Strong, and Heather DuBoise.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Elba Tigers Go Down Fighting

by Ramey Bryan
The Elba Tigers sure had dreams of a state championship come to an end with a 14-7 loss to South Lamar. The Tigers ended the season with a 5-7 record, only the third losing season under Coach Mack Wood. However, the losing record does not indicate a total lack of success. The team did manage to advance to the third round of the playoffs before rallying to the number one ranked 3-A team in the state. This is quite an accomplishment for a team that was once 1-6 and labeled "Elba's weakest team ever" by many fans. The team earned a lot of respect by their playoff performances. This team will be remembered for their ups and downs, but most importantly, their desire to succeed.



Pictured above (l to r) are Anna Stokes, Kerry Kelley, Vaughan Boyd, and Jeremy Dawkins. Not pictured is Alet Daniels.

by Mary Stephens & Ramey Bryan
Vaughan Boyd - Vaughan is the seventh grade daughter of Lee and Harriette Boyd. She is a member of Jr. Beta, SADD, and the Student Council. Vaughan enjoys playing wing of the girls' basketball team, playing volleyball and softball, and talking with friends. She attends Elba United Methodist Church.
Jeremy Dawkins - Jeremy is in the eighth grade and is the son of Jerry and Diane Dawkins. He is a member of FFA and enjoys fishing and hunting. He plays wing guard on the eighth grade basketball team. Jeremy attends Westside Baptist Church.
Kerry Kelley - Kerry is in the ninth grade and is the daughter of Lamar and Judy Kelley. She is a member of FBLA, SADD, Jr. Beta, FFA, Chi Alpha Mu, E-Club, and Girl Scout Troop #300. Kerry enjoys talking on the phone, cheering with the Varsity Cheerleaders, and playing guard on the girls' basketball team. She attends Elba First Baptist Church.
Alet Daniels - Alet is tenth grade son of Willie D. Daniels. He is a member of the E-Club and FFA and his hobbies include football, baseball, and basketball. He attends Elba United Methodist Church.
Anna Stokes - Anna is in the eleventh grade and is the daughter of David and Sue Stokes. She is a member of SGA, Jr. Beta, FCA, E-Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and Girl Scout Troop #300. Anna's hobbies include playing volleyball, tennis, and serving as Co-Captain for the Varsity Cheerleaders. Anna attends Elba First Baptist Church.

EHS Band's Christmas Concert

by Carrie Bradley
The Elba High School Concert Band and Chorus will present their annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school auditorium. The Junior High Band and the Elementary Band will be performing also.

Each group has selected several songs to perform and invites everyone to attend. This concert is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit. Come out and support the band program.
Contact any band student for tickets or pay at the door.

TIGER TALK...

by Jonathan Ross
For the past few weeks, the halls of Elba High School have been filled with the sounds of Christmas. What could it be? It's the EHS Chorus practicing for their annual Christmas concert. On the evening of December 8, the Chorus, in conjunction with the Band, will present their 1994 Christmas Concert. This concert will represent the culmination of many hours of hard work and diligent practice. I recently talked with several Chorus members to get their reactions on being in Chorus and on this year's concert.
Tiger Talk: "What do you like most about Chorus?"
Skalandia Rogers: "The thing I like most about Chorus is the fact that I get to use my talent of singing. I also like to be around the clowns in the class!"
Tiger Talk: "How did the Chorus prepare for this concert?"

SENIORS OF THE WEEK



Pictured above (l to r) are Carrie Bradley, Chris Hudson, Che Vaughan, and Annie Austin.

by Missy McDaniel & Charlie Driggers
Che Vaughan - Che is the 17 year old son of Ronnie and Allona Vaughan. This is Che's sixth year attending EHS. Che plays quarterback and free safety for the Elba Tigers and center field for the EHS baseball team. Besides being active in sports, Che's hobbies include hunting, fishing, and golf.
Chris Hudson - Chris is the 17 year old son of Terry and Phyllis Hudson. He has attended the Elba City School System all his life. Chris serves as flanker and a defensive back for the Elba Tigers and holds the position of pitcher and third baseman on the EHS baseball team. In his spare time Chris enjoys hunting and fishing.
Annie Austin - Annie is the 17 year old daughter of Annie and Charlie Austin. She is an active member of the Elba Zion Baptist Church, Senior Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, yearbook staff, and Students Against Drunk Driving. Annie currently serves as president of Future Business Leaders of America. After Annie graduates from high school, she plans to attend college and major in accounting.
Carrie Bradley - Carrie is the 17 year old daughter of Ralph and Sam Bradley. She is a member of Ino Baptist Church and is also actively involved with Senior Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Students Against Drunk Driving, and the Marching Tiger Band where she plays the trumpet and French horn. She currently serves as co-editor of the yearbook and plans to attend Troy State University after graduation.

Elba City Schools Menu

December 12-16, 1994

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Pea River Pirates to be on Court Square Saturday

On December 10th, just in time for the Christmas Festival on the Square, the Pea River Pirates will land in Elba. Hauling ashore a treasure chest, they will bring their treasure on a "desert island" (in front of the courthouse) under palm trees.

Gamma Beta Phi initiates new members recently

The Troy State University chapter of Gamma Beta Phi has announced the names of 18 students who were tapped for membership fall quarter. Two Elba students were among the 18 selected for membership: Lakia Hammonds, daughter of Rogie Hammonds of Elba, an early childhood education major; and Angelika Windham, daughter of Gerhard and Ema Bausalski of Germany, a social work major.

The Gamma Beta Phi Society is a non-profit, co-educational, honor and service organization for students in U.S. colleges and universities. Its objectives are to recognize and encourage excellence in education, to promote the development of leadership ability and character, and to foster, disseminate and improve education through appropriate service projects.

Beautillion Organization holds December meeting

The Beautillion Organization held its December meeting at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Ozark, Makasha Young, President of the Beautillions, called the meeting to order. Rev. S.C. Jackson offered prayer. LaCresha Flowers, Vice-President, and Demetrice Tolliver, Asst. Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. The students finalized plans for their holiday schedule. They held a dinner meeting at a local Ozark restaurant on December 9. They will also attend church services together in the future.

Watson RECEIVES EDGAR SCHOLARSHIP... Jeffrey Watson of Elba (center), a student majoring in poultry science at Auburn University, received the S. Allen Edgar Endowed Scholarship during a scholarship recognition program held recently by the AU College of Agriculture. More than \$200,000 in scholarships was awarded to students in the College of Agriculture during the program. Pictured with Watson are Dr. and Mrs. Edgar of Auburn.



From left to right, Sara Nell Cooper and Robin Davis of Elba help Chris Williams of Daleville straighten his hair while Tammy Mohaffey of Zion Chapel helps Chris with his GED graduate button just prior to ceremonies held recently at Enterprise State Junior College. The GED graduation was open to all GED recipients who had not participated in a graduation ceremony. This year's ceremony recognized 46 GED graduates. The event, sponsored by Enterprise State and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network, will become an annual event.

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4. All applications will be reviewed by the Coordinator who will arrange interviews.
5. Recommendations will be submitted to the Superintendent by the Coordinator.
6. The Superintendent will make recommendations to the school board for action.

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Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street meet

by Wanda Sasser
Members of the Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met on December 1 at the HRDC building on Factory Street. Since this is one of the busiest months in the year, quite a few of our members were absent, but they were thought of. Some of the folks played dominoes and others just visited and talked about plans for families and friends. Plans were made for our Christmas dinner which will be early for Christmas. A delicious lunch was served to the following: Bonnie Wesley, Zedie Bouyer, Iris McDowell, Allene English, Mary Sulley, Refina Grimes, Tony Alcuria, Annie Pearl Carpenter, Brittany Daniels, Rushia Blanton, Marion Brunson, Mattie Lou Goodson, M. Boling, and Wanda Sasser.

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by Wanda Sasser
Members of the Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met on December 1 at the HRDC building on Factory Street. Since this is one of the busiest months in the year, quite a few of our members were absent, but they were thought of. Some of the folks played dominoes and others just visited and talked about plans for families and friends. Plans were made for our Christmas dinner which will be early for Christmas. A delicious lunch was served to the following: Bonnie Wesley, Zedie Bouyer, Iris McDowell, Allene English, Mary Sulley, Refina Grimes, Tony Alcuria, Annie Pearl Carpenter, Brittany Daniels, Rushia Blanton, Marion Brunson, Mattie Lou Goodson, M. Boling, and Wanda Sasser.

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ALABAMA'S ROADS HIGHWAYS or DIEWAYS?

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Views From

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

December rolled in on a cold front last week and with it came the Christmas season. Kathy and the girls put the Christmas tree up the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and we only had to buy five new strings of lights and a couple of boxes of bulbs. Melanie and Melissa both want the lights on 24 hours a day and both are making it clear what they want for Christmas. Now, if we can just find time to tell Santa!

AREA BASKETBALL TEAMS CHALLENGE THE BEST

The high school basketball season is now underway, and for the teams in the area, there are apparently no teams too big or strong for any of the teams to challenge. In football, smaller teams don't schedule the bigger teams because of the huge difference in the number of players available; however, in basketball all the teams dress out 12 players and it only takes five or six good players to make a team a big winner. Here's a quick look at the schedules of area teams.

ELBA TIGERS - The Tigers jump into the trying pan right off the bat as they open the season against 6A power Enterprise and Ozark. The rest of the schedule isn't really all that intimidating, but does include 5A Opp and 5A Andalusia, as well as rematches with Enterprise and Ozark. 2A Brantley does appear twice on the slate, while other opponents include New Brockton, Kinston, Louisville, Laverne and Samson. While the schedule isn't a killer, there are no easy wins anywhere to be found.

KINSTON BULLDOGS - The Bulldogs have one of the most entertaining schedules of area teams as they play 13 different teams and will compete in three tournaments. Kinston has toughies against Paxton, Elba, Opp, Goshen, Brantley and New Brockton, as well as games against just about everybody in the 1A and 2A ranks. Bulldog fans will enjoy the season and get to see a lot of different games.

ZION CHAPEL REBELS - The Rebels are trying to rebuild their program and have a schedule that should give the Rebels a shot at gaining confidence and turning the program around. When a team has struggled, such as Zion Chapel, any game is a tough one. However, the Rebels have possible wins against Rod Level, Houston Academy, Long, Straughn, McKenzie and Pleasant Home, and can win against any team on the schedule with a good night's work.

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS - The Bulldogs' schedule isn't quite as ambitious as years past; however, the two-time defending state champs do

have a rugged slate that includes 5A Opp, 3A Elba, 5A Monroeville and 5A Greenville, as well as tournaments in Andalusia, Troy and Dothan that will be filled with nothing but bigger, and very talented teams. Brantley has spoiled its fans in recent years, and this year will have to be good, again, to be big winners.

NEW BROCKTON - The Gamecocks haven't sent in their schedule as yet, but you can bet the Gamecocks will have a schedule that will include 6A Enterprise and 3A Elba, as well as many of the top 1A and 2A teams around. The Gamecocks will also host a Christmas tournament and the SEAC tournament, which will give Gamecock fans a chance to see many of the area's top teams.

PREP BASKETBALL COVERAGE TO EXPAND IN '95

We have always attempted to give all the teams in the coverage area of *The Clipper* the publicity they deserve in every sport, and this season we will try something new to make the coverage even better than ever. During the 1994-95 high school season, complete coverage will be as detailed as ever for the Elba Tigers, while a "Game of the Week" will also be included weekly to highlight some of the area teams. Every team will be featured at least once, probably more, but the top games will be covered and the teams and players will get a chance to get their pictures, and names, in the headlines. It should be fun!

STATE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS REACH FINAL ROUND

Back four weeks ago almost 200 high school football teams from all across the state began their quest for a state championship in one of the six classifications. After four weeks and 180 games there are only two teams left in every class, and this weekend state champs will be crowned. Here's a quick look at last week's action.

CLASS 1A - Two teams that surprised a lot of folks survived in week #4 of the playoff as Addition dumped Lynn 28-14 and Carrollton edged past Maplesville 21-18. Addition has been a football power for years, while Carrollton has one of the biggest teams in the 1A ranks and has used a tough regular season schedule to get it ready for a run at the title.

CLASS 2A - One team that everyone thought had a shot and another that shocked some folks advanced in this class as Clay County allowed only its second touchdown of the season in whipping Leroy 17-6, and Gordo shocked Tanner 9-8, to make the finals in the first time in the title.

CLASS 3A - The two unbeaten teams in 3A both bit the dust as Laverne handed South Lamar a 21-10 setback and defending champion Colbert County clobbered Sylvania 42-27. Oh well, I guess after a while 13-1 won't sound so bad.

CLASS 4A - The pre-playoff picks made it to the finals as un-

defeated T.R. Miller defeated Lanett 13-6 and undefeated Cleburne County blanked Alexandria 6-0. The cream rose to the top early in 4A and never eased up.

CLASS 5A - The Greenville Tigers made it to the state finals for the second straight year with a 9-0 spanking of Jackson, while Homewood made it to the big dance by upsetting Russellville 14-7. These two teams come from opposite ends of the state, but are both successful.

CLASS 6A - Northview was picked by many as a shot-in after its win over Viper in the third round, but Anniston had different ideas and knocked off the Cougars 17-10. In Dothan, Shades Valley remained unbeaten and almost unchallenged with a 52-14 rout over Woodlawn. With Anniston and Shades Valley in the finals, the South got shut-out.

LIVERNE DIDN'T STAY DOWN FOR LONG

Last season was one that Laverne fans have probably already forgotten. In 1993, the Tigers found themselves with a new coach and a tutor the forced retirement of Coach Glen Daniel, and the hurt feelings caused by the handling of the retirement of the state's winningest high school coach caused a major shake-up in the Laverne coaching staff and the loyalty of many long-time Tiger fans. Coach Butch Norman was the obvious choice for head coach, but he struggled through a 2-8 season and many felt like it was one of Laverne's worst teams ever. What those same people failed to see, however, was the dedication Coach Norman had to the program and how hard the team played, no matter the opposition.

This season the Tigers owned a 2-3 record at mid-season, but just when many area fans thought Laverne would fold, again, Coach Norman and his staff saw their hand work begin to pay off and now nine weeks later the Tigers own a 10-4 record and are getting ready to play for the state championship. Laverne's players, coaches and fans all want to win another state championship, but no matter what happens Friday night, Laverne is back and in the good hands of Coach Butch Norman. Everyone that is a part of the Laverne athletic program deserves a pat on the back for surviving the hard times and putting the program back on top. What has happened in just one short year is truly amazing!

CLEANING OUT THE COLLEGE NOTEBOOK...

The college football regular season came to an end last weekend, and since all that's left are the bowl games, I thought it was time to clean out the notebook.

ALL-SEC TEAM GIVES EARLY 1995 PREVIEW - The Associated Press released its 1994 All-SEC team last week and looking down the list it appears that the Auburn Tigers will be the favorites in the SEC West next season, at least on paper. The Tigers will return four first-team All-SEC performers in offensive tackle Willie Anderson (230), center Stan-

non Robique (278), running back Stephen Davis (222) and defensive back Brian Robinson (194). Florida, LSU and Mississippi State all had two un-

derclassmen on the honored list, which should make each of those teams and their fans optimistic about the '95 season.

HOW STRONG IS THE SEC? The AP All-SEC first team was loaded with some of the nation's top college football players; however, the

second team was also loaded and gives a real view of just how strong the SEC really is. Included among the second team players were Georgia's Eric Zier, Alabama's Michael Proctor, Alabama's Shannon Brown, Tennessee's Ben Talley, Auburn's Chris Shelling and Mississippi State's Eric Mould. Not a bad second string.

GOLF GETS FINAL SHOT AT WINNING - It really wasn't a surprise that Georgia Athletic Director Vince Dooley gave Coach Ray Goff one more chance to be successful as the Bulldogs' head football coach. Dooley was the man that hand-picked Goff for the job and has stuck by him throughout his career. The Bulldogs' tie with Auburn and 48-10 win over Georgia Tech didn't hurt, either, but Goff is only 21-23-1 in the SEC in his six years on the job, and those conference losses carry much more weight than do the easy wins over teams like Fullerton State. If Goff fails to get the job done next season look for him and Dooley to be house hunt-

ing.

8-4 RECORD NOT THAT BAD FOR TROJANS - Troy State fans were disappointed with the Trojans' late-season swoon and their early exit from the I-AA playoffs, but the team had to be dog-tired after a rugged schedule and may have simply run out of gas. Troy State played 12 straight games without an open date, including 8 road games in 7 different states, and that is enough to wear down even an NFL team. If the '94 schedule is a preview of what's to come, maybe the Trojans' move to I-AA was a mistake. Playing four home games is bad for recruiting, the fans, and the financial statement, and I don't believe the Trojans can continue being successful with such a lopsided state. Maybe a cure would be to look for games against teams closer to home, and renew some of the rivalries out of the Gulf South Conference. In-state rivals could be Sam-

ford, UAB, Jacksonville and Alabama State, with regional rivals to include Tennessee, Georgia Southern and Central Florida. The schedule could also be spiced up with games against teams like Marshall, McKeesee, Western Kentucky, Southern Miss, or former foes such as North Alabama, Valdosta State, UT Martin, Delta State, Mississippi College or Nichols. The key to Troy State's football fortunes in I-AA lie

in the bowl games, not simply money in the bank.

BOWL SEASON LESS THAN EXCITING - The bowl pairings were announced last week and for fans in the Southeast there isn't a lot to get excited about. Some of the bowls to get attention will be the Gator (Tennessee vs. Va Tech), Pinstripe (Miss State vs. N.C. State), Citrus (Ohio State vs. Alabama), Sugar (Florida State vs. Florida) and Carquest (South Carolina vs. Boston College). Others worth watching may be the In-

dependence Bowl, with Pat Sullivan's TCU Horned Frogs going against Virginia, and the Freedom Bowl, where Utah will hit the big time with a

clash against Arizona. Bowl match-ups that very few people care about include Central Michigan against UNLV in the Las Vegas Bowl, Illinois against East Carolina in the Liberty Bowl, Baylor against Washington State in the Alamo Bowl, Wisconsin against Duke in the Hall of Fame Bowl, and Texas Tech against Southern Cal in the Cotton Bowl.

WHICH CONFERENCE IS REALLY THE BEST? Judging by bowl invitations, the SEC, Big 10 +1, and ACC are all equal with five teams making the post-season party. Taking a closer look, however, Florida makes the most sense. The Gators, N.C. State, Clemson (Ohio State), N.C. State and Duke in the SEC, they would probably fall far short of the wins needed. Over to the Big 10 +1 and I'll go along with Penn State, Michigan and Ohio State, but with Illinois and Wisconsin ranking high in the standings, it shows how quickly the talent level drops off in the conference. By the way, did anyone notice, or even care, that the lame duck South "worst" Conference put four teams in the bowls, and would have had five if Texas A & M weren't on probation. The conference is going out with a bang with such powers as TCU, Texas, Baylor and Texas Tech all making the party.

ADMIT IT...COACHES BLEW DECISION! Alabama's Coach Gene Stallings and his staff are among the best to ever be assembled and their knowledge is a major reason for the Tide's success over the years. However, the staff, or at least someone on the staff, blew it Saturday morning when the Tide kicked the extra-point after scoring a fourth quarter touchdown against Florida. It is supposed to be an automatic call for a team to go for two-points when it scores to go ahead by five points, since a touchdown and extra-point would beat you whether you made the extra-point or not. Every football fan listening, or watching, knew the Tide made a big mistake, and so did the players. I guess if Alabama had kicked State, Michigan and Ohio State, and won 26-24 the question would have been meaningless, but the final score was 24-23 and that will make the decision one that is talked about for years to come.

FORMER ELBA PLAYERS AFTER ANOTHER TITLE

Former Elba Tigers Ronald McKinnon and Anthony Brooks took their state championship rings with them when they headed to North Alabama to continue their football careers, and next week they'll get the chance to earn a second national championship ring when the Lions host the NCAA Division II title game. The duo played major roles in leading Elba to its first-ever state championship back in 1989 and both were big reasons the Lions claimed their first-ever national title in 1993. With yet another title only one week away, there can be no doubt that these two Tigers are true champions in every sense of the word!

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR CLOSES THE BOOK

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator has survived another season of predicting high school football games and again this season did a remarkable job of picking the winners. Last week he stumbled slightly and hit on 7 of 12 picks, to bring his yearly totals to 423-99, or 81 percent correct. Here is this year's final picks for the high school season....

PLAYOFF PICKS:

Addition 21 Carrollton 15
Clay County 13 Gordo 3
T.R. Miller 16 Cleburne County 14
Greenville 12 Homewood 3
Shades Valley 35 Anniston 14

Elba releases 1994 football statistics

Tyson, Kyles, Howe and Free lead Tiger statistics



The Elba Tigers ended their season with a 5-7 record after losing to South Lamar in the third round of the Class 3A football playoffs; however, several Elba players did enjoy outstanding seasons according to statistics released this week.

Following are official statistics for the 1994 football season:

OFFENSE

Junior tailback Chris Tyson led the Tigers in rushing as he gained 1,045 yards on 165 carries, despite missing two complete games with an injury.

Tyson, a 165-pound speedster, gained a season-high 202 yards in the season opener, and gained over 100 yards in five of the ten games in which he played.

Senior Detrick Kyles played both fullback and tailback for the Tigers during the '94 season and carried 873 yards on 126 carries. The powerful running back gained 196 yards in Elba's win over Louisville, and for the season had three games with over 100 yards rushing.

Other ground-gainers for the Tigers this season included Che Vaughan with 245 yards on 43 carries, Leroy Smedley with 212 yards on 133 carries, D'undray Peterson with 137 yards on 34 carries, Sterling Jones with 118 yards on 23 carries, Griffin Shirley with 27 yards on 4 carries, Alex Daniels with 4 yards on 3 carries and Troy Bryan with 1 yard on one carry. Detrick Kyles carried the ball once for no gain, while Bobby Burks had minus 4 yards rushing on 4 carries and Chris Hudson had minus 6 yards on 9 carries.

Senior quarterback Che Vaughan hit on 48 of 113 passes, with 8 interceptions, for 482 yards and 6 touchdowns to lead the Tigers through the air. Chris Hudson completed 6 of 22 passes, with 1 interception, for 110 yards and 1 touchdown, while Leroy Smedley and Chris Tyson both failed to complete a pass in one attempt, apiece.

Senior tight-end Cory Howe was the favorite target of the Tiger passers as he caught 22 passes for 239 yards, far outdistancing Leroy Smedley, who caught 5 passes for 106 yards. Other receivers included Rudy Free (7-66), Chris Hudson (6-64), Griffin Shirley (4-54), Detrick Kyles (4-52), Brian Rowe (2-42), D'undray Peterson (1-20), Chris Tyson (1-10) and Sterling Jones (1-3).

Senior Che Vaughan punted 32 times during the season and averaged 34.1 yards per punt, with his longest punt being a 69-yard kick.

Chris Hudson punted 7 times and averaged 30.1 yards per boot.

Senior Detrick Kyles scored 15 touchdowns to lead the Tigers in scoring with 90 points, followed by Chris Tyson, who scored 9 touchdowns and added one two-point conversion, to score 56 points.

Other Tigers scoring points during the season included Leray Smedley (42), Michael Vines (25), Che Vaughan (12), Cory Howe (8), Todd McKee (8) and Rudy Free (6).

Junior noseguard Todd Hooks led the Tiger defense in tackles for losses, as he made 20 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for 69 yards in losses, followed by Cory Howe with 14 tackles for 63 yards in losses.

Other defenders making sacks included Todd McKee (4), Boyd Perkins (6), Bobby Burks (5), Chris Hudson (5), Larry Rayborn (2), Marcus Tills (2) and Alex Daniels (1).

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DEFENSE

Junior linebacker Rudy Free and senior defensive tackle Mott Barnes finished the season 1-2 in tackles, as Free made 79 solo tackles and had 16 assists, while Barnes added 67 solo stops and recorded 12 assists.

Other Tiger defenders making tackles during the season included Todd Hooks (60-16a), Todd McKee (47-7a), Cory Howe (37-11a), Boyd (34-6a), Griffin



TIGER TANDEM...Elba's 1-2 punch of Chris Tyson (20) and Detrick Kyles (30) finished 1-2 in both rushing and scoring to lead the Elba offense in '94.

Shirley (31t-1a), Daniel Kidd (30t-4a), Chris Tyson (29t-1a), Leray Smedley (25t), Detrick Kyles (24t-6a), Che Vaughan (24t-3a), D'undray Peterson (23t-3a), Todd Grantham (22t-3a), Eddie Cowan (18t-2a), Brian Rowe (11t), Sterling Jones (9t), Troy Bryan (7t-1a), Earl Perkins (6t), Bobby Burks (5t-1a), Chris Hudson (5t), Larry Rayborn (2t), Marcus Tills (2t) and Alex Daniels (1t).

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TRIAL

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that they could not tell if the shot was actually fired from Ziglar's shotgun.

According to further testimony, only one identifiable finger print was found on the spent shell; however, it did not belong to Ziglar.

Also, testimony offered by a state's witness that glass particles removed from Ziglar's boots matched the glass from the window in the front door of Ziglar's mobile home. The blast from the gunshot blew portions of the window out.

During the first trial, Ziglar testified on his own behalf; however, in last week's trial, he chose not to do so.

During closing arguments, Assistant District Attorney Al Smith contended that the state had shown enough evidence to support the belief that Ziglar had committed a crime and was aware of the risks involved.

Defense attorney Stafford Pitman told jurors that all the evidence introduced by the state was circumstan-

tial and that his client should not be convicted of the charges against him. Also assisting in Ziglar's defense was Richard Winkler of Enterprise, Ala.

The jury deliberated for approximately 2-1/2 hours on Thursday afternoon after receiving the case. They adjourned for the evening and resumed deliberation Friday morning shortly after 8:30 a.m.

Shortly before noon, the jury came out and informed the judge that they were hopelessly deadlocked and could not reach a unanimous verdict.

Assistant DA Al Smith said that the state would try the case again. He said that it is very likely that it will be placed on the docket of the special jury term of circuit court scheduled in January 1995.

Presiding over the trial was Clay County District Judge George Simpson. All of the 12th Judicial Circuit judges had recused themselves, for one reason or another, from hearing the case.

CREEL

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was on the wrong side of the road at the time of the crash.

Creel testified that he had drunk only a small amount of beer during the night preceding the early morning mishap and that he was not speeding at the time of the crash.

He stated that from tire (right front) ran off the road and that he was blinded by the headlights of the on-coming vehicle driven by Mrs. Guy.

In summation, Merrill Shirley, attorney for the defense, related to the jury that what happened was a terrible accident and not an intentional event.

He also pointed out to the jury that it is against the law to drink and drive when one drinks in excess of the legal amount (10 blood alcohol level) and operates a vehicle.

Scherry Harrison, 12th Judicial Assistant District Attorney, argued that someone was killed as a result of Creel's violation of rules and regulations of Alabama - drinking and

driving, speeding, and being on the wrong side of the road.

After deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the death of Scotty Norris, guilty of criminal negligence homicide in the death of Mrs. Skinner, and assault in the third degree in the injury of Mrs. Guy.

Both of the charges of which Creel was found guilty are Class A misdemeanors and are punishable by up to one year in the county jail and/or up to a \$2,000 fine.

Creel's trial was presided over by Circuit Judge Braxton Kittrell of Mobile. All of the 12th Judicial Circuit Judges had recused themselves, for one reason or another, from hearing the case.

A date for Creel's sentencing has not been set by the courts. (Editor's Note: The six other cases on the criminal jury docket for last week were continued until the next term of court. According to a report in this newspaper last week, a special jury term of circuit court has been set to begin on January 17, 1995.)

Hearing

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several highway experts.

Several options were also presented to route the four lanes through New Brockton. New Brockton citizens present at at least one of the meetings seemed to prefer one of the proposed routes North of the downtown area of the community.

In the Opp area, the proposed route is to join the already planned bypass of U.S. 331 on the East side of town and follow it around the South side of Opp and on to Andalusia.

The Highway Department purchased some of the old railroad right of way between Elba and New Brockton several years ago and this land will be utilized under the plan displayed at the hearings.

There will be additional hearings before any work or right of way purchasing gets underway. This will probably take at least a year, according to highway department officials.

Highway Department officials from either the Enterprise office or the Troy District office are available to explain various aspects of the project to individuals or civic groups.

No timetable has been announced for the actual construction of this 4 lane project.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

ZENA A. COLE

Army Pvt. Zena A. Cole has arrived for duty at Fort McClellan, Aniston, AL.

Cole, a chemical operations specialist, is the daughter of Jeannette and Marvin Siler of Rural Route 2, Elba, AL.

She is a 1993 graduate of Elba High School.

JEFFREY D. METCALF

Army National Guard Pvt. Jeffrey D. Metcalf has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Metcalf is the son of Billy J. Metcalf and stepson of Leisa A. Metcalf of Rural Route 2, New Brockton.

He is a 1994 graduate of New Brockton High School.

NBTW

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ter departments. The period of time covered by the report was October 1989 through September 1992.

There were two findings by auditors which involved the police department. One dealt with a bank account (checking) set up by then Police Chief Richard Nichols. The other involved equipment inventory.

In the checking account, some of the disbursements appeared to be expenditures related to the police department while others appeared to be for personal purchases. All transactions appeared to have been made by Chief Nichols.

Concerning the equipment inventory, there were items on previous lists which are not currently in the possession of the police department and the disposition of the equipment could not be determined.

Findings concerning the water department reflected relaxed and poor bookkeeping procedures within the department.

Findings included the following: deposits were not always made on a timely basis, water receipts were not deposited in the order in which they were received, currency deposited did not equal the amounts of currency received according to the daily receipt listing, amount's of a person's credit to their account, and finally, there were several personal checks which had apparently cashed out of the water department's daily receipts.

Recommendations by the auditors were:

1.) Bank accounts in the Town's name should be used for official business only. Private funds should not be combined with public funds.

2.) Inventory lists of all equipment purchased by the Town should be maintained with periodic inventories performed.

3.) Pre-numbered receipts should be issued for all funds received by the Town. Receipts should be reconciled with amounts deposited and posted to subsidiary ledgers.

4.) Personal checks should not be cashed out of daily receipts.

5.) There should be a segregation of responsibilities so that one person is not totally responsible for the billing, receipt, and deposit functions of the water department.

Mayor Holley stated that after a complete review of the auditor's report by town officials, it will then be turned over to the grand jury for review.

Other actions taken by the council were as follows:

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Kellogg's Frosted Flakes Cereal
\$1.99
20 Oz. Box



Kellogg's Corn Pops Cereal
\$1.99
15 Oz. Box



Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Dinner
\$3.29
7.25 Oz. Boxes For



Hyde Park Vegetable Oil
\$2.49
64 Oz. Bottle



Libby's Juicy Juice
\$1.39
46 Oz. Bottle



Tetley Tea Bags
\$1.79
36 Count Box



Orville Redenbacher's Popcorn
\$1.68
3 Pack, 10.5 Oz. Pkgs.



Pet Evaporated Milk
\$2.19
12 Oz. Can



Chef Boyardee Pasta
\$1.99
15 Oz. Can



Hershey's Baking Chips
\$1.79
11.5 or 12 Oz. Bag

Blue Plate 32 Oz. Real or Light Mayonnaise
With This Coupon...
SAVE 55¢

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REDEEM ONLY AT:
Fleming's Supermarkets

MANUFACTURER'S AD COUPON
EXPIRES JANUARY 6, 1995

GRACE: We reserve the right to transfer this coupon for 5¢ plus 8¢ handling only if you obtained it from customer buying this item. Invoices providing purchase of sufficient stock to cover coupons must be shown upon request. Void when presented by broker or agency or where prohibited, taxed or otherwise restricted. Cash value 1/100th cent. Mail coupon to: Fleming's Supermarkets, CMS Dept. 487900, 1 Fairview Drive, Del Rio, TX 78840

• LIMIT ONE COUPON PER ONE ITEM PURCHASED
• COUPON NOT TO BE DOUBLED
47900 6312

20 Use
Snuggle Cuddle Up Softener
\$1.79

Mini Ration or Chunk - 20 Lb. Bag
Hunter's Choice Dog Food
\$3.99

24 Oz. Carton or Can
Sun Maid Seedless Raisins
\$1.79

Mount Olive - Gallon
Kosher Dill Pickles
\$2.99

Assorted Flavors - 18 Oz. Box
Friskies Cat Food
99¢

10 Oz. Bag
Jet Puffed or Mini Kraft Marshmallows
88¢

37.5 Sq. Ft. Roll - Hyde Park
Aluminum Foil
99¢

McCormick For the Holidays

2.37 Oz.
Ground Cinnamon \$2.79

.5 Oz.
Rubbed Sage \$2.79

2 Oz. Bottle
Vanilla Extract \$3.99

9 Oz. Bottle
Ground Allspice \$2.49

HEALTH & BEAUTY CARE SPECIALS

33% More Package
Afrin Nasal Spray
\$3.99
Each

Regular Pink Bismuth or Effervescent Antacid
Marquee Products
\$1.49
8 Oz. Bismuth or 36 Ct. Antacid

Assorted Glow Kids
Reach Toothbrush
\$1.69
1 To 5 Or 6 To 12

Regular or "Plus" - Disposable
Good News Razors
\$2.09
5 Count Package

Finest Quality Meats

U.S.D.A. Choice
Boneless Sirloin Steak
\$2.29
Lb.

Ole Carolina Brand
Sliced Bacon
49¢
1 Lb. Pkg.

U.S.D.A. Inspected Fresh
Family Pack Pork Steaks
\$1.29
Lb.
Extra Thick-Sliced At The Same Price!

Hormel Super-Select Small Tender
Pork Spare Ribs
\$1.29
Lb.

<p>Sunnyland Jumbo Franks \$1.99 1 Lb. Pkg.</p>	<p>Extra Value Fresh Boneless Pork Steak \$1.49 Lb.</p>	<p>Fresh Tender Pork Cutlets \$1.49 Lb.</p>	<p>T.V. Brand Pork Sausage Patties \$1.39 12 Oz. Pkg.</p>	<p>Lykes Econo Pack Sliced Slab Bacon \$4.99 6 Lb. Pkg.</p>
<p>Bob White Red Hots \$1.89 20 Oz. Pkg.</p>	<p>Mrs. Stratton's Corn Dogs \$1.69 16 Oz. Pkg.</p>	<p>Southern Maid - Regular or hot Family Pack Smoked Sausage \$4.99 4 Lb. Pkg.</p>	<p>Jimmy Dean Premium Hot, Mild or Special Recipe Pork Sausage \$1.99 1 Lb. Roll</p>	<p>Bryan - All Varieties 4x6 Sliced Cooked Ham or Turkey \$1.99 10 Oz. Pkg.</p>
<p>All Meat - Regular or Thick Sunnyland Bologna \$1.99 1 Lb. Pkg.</p>	<p>Sunnyland Smoked Polish Sausage \$1.69 1 Lb. Pkg.</p>	<p>Turkey & Gravy, Salisbury Steak or Charbroil Beef On Cor Entrees \$2.49 2 Lb. Pkg.</p>	<p>Circle A Beef Patties \$3.99 5 Lb. Pkg.</p>	<p>Whole, Halves or Spears Claussen Pickles \$1.99 Quart Jar</p>
	<p>Pond Raised Boneless Catfish Nuggets \$1.29 Lb.</p>	<p>Great With Collards! Smoked Pork Neckbones 69¢ Lb.</p>	<p>Fresh Frozen 4 - 7 Lbs. Avg. Whole Turkey Breasts \$1.29 Lb.</p>	

Hurry In & Check Out These Incredible Holiday Grocery Specials!

<p>Swiss Miss Swiss Miss Hot Cocoa 10 Oz. Package \$1.59</p>	<p>Old El Paso Taco Seasoning Mix 3 Pack, 7.5 Oz. Pkgs. \$1.39</p>	<p>Pam Vegetable Oil Spray 6 Oz. Can \$2.49</p>	<p>Hyde Park Saltine Crackers 16 Oz. Box 59¢</p>	<p>Regular or Thin Ronco Spaghetti 7 Oz. Package 3:89¢</p>	<p>Regular or Quick Jim Dandy Grits 1 Lb. Box 2:19¢</p>
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Holiday FAVORITES From Our Farm-Fresh Produce Department

California Navel Oranges 5\$1 For	Florida Red Grapefruit \$1.99 5 Lb. Bag	Medium Yellow Onions 99¢ 3 Lb. Bag	Crisp Green Cabbage 29¢ lb.
Juicy Sunkist Lemons 8\$1 For	Your Choice Green or Red Leaf Lettuce 89¢ Each	Assorted Flavors Little Hugs Fruit Drinks 12\$1.99 For	A Juicy Holiday Treat Florida Tangelos \$1.79 4 Lb. Bag
			Crunchy Red Delicious Apples \$3.99 10 Lb. Bag

Dairy Delights Frozen Specials

8 Count Can Butter or Buttermilk Hyde Park Jumbo Biscuits 88¢ 16 Oz. Can	Kraft Parkay Light Spread \$1.49 48 Oz. Tub	Regular, Extra Creamy or Lite Cool Whip Topping 99¢ 8 Oz. Bowl	Stack Up Now For Your Holiday Feast Mrs. Smith's Pie Shells 99¢ 10 Oz. Pkg.
Hyde Park Cream Cheese 2\$1 For	Hyde Park - Pre-Priced \$1.09 Cinnamon or Crescent Rolls 99¢ 8 Count, 9.5 Oz. Cans	Hyde Park - Shredded Cheese \$1.29 8 Oz. Package	Hyde Park Orange Juice 79¢ 12 Oz. Can
		Frozen Edward's Pecan Pie \$4.59 32 Oz. Box	Assorted Varieties Healthy Choice Quick Meals \$1.69 6.25 To 10 Oz. Box

Bakery & Deli Specials

Mountain Farms Cinnamon Rolls 89¢ 6 Count Package	Our Special Touch Variety Cake Donuts \$1.69 12 Count Package	Our Special Touch Fresh Dinner Rolls \$1.39 12 Count Package
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The Elba Clipper

Coffee County Commission recognizes Marion Sanders

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

An unusually short meeting was held Monday by the Coffee County Commission. It could have been that it was the commission's Christmas gift to members of the media who cover the meetings throughout the year.

The meeting consisted mostly of routine business matters. With the exception of one item, Marion J. Sanders was recognized by the commission for his work in the area of soil and water conservation.

Sanders has served as the district supervisor for the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District since May 1989.

He has worked as a supervisor to set an example on his farm by implementing fresh innovative conservation practices.

In addition to his fundamental belief in conservation on the land, his leadership away from the farm has benefited natural resources.

Sanders has served as a member of the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee for 12 years. Of those 12 years, he was chairman of the committee for 3 years.

He has also served as chairman of the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, chairman of the Wiregrass R.C. & D. Council, president of the State Association of Conservation Districts, and Alabama NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) National Councilman for seven years.

Sanders was instrumental in getting legislation passed which implemented a cost share program for conservation projects. He also worked for and was successful in obtaining a \$700 annual grant for each district in the state. That amount has grown to \$7,000 since its implementation in 1973.

In recognizing Sanders and presenting him with a framed resolution, the commission noted that Sanders was a conservation leader who has had a great impact upon the state and nation. Alabama's soil, water and related resources have benefited from his work.

During the general business session, Wilson Mobley presented a request from the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association to okay sending out bid invitations to: (1) have the carpet in the Farm Center Arena professionally cleaned; (2) purchase wall panels for the outdoor building adjacent to the arena; and (3) construct a building in which to store the panels.

The funds for these projects will come from a grant obtained from the state by the Cattlemen's Association. County Engineer Mark Pool suggested that the commission review the county's subdivision regulation and revised it in such a manner to allow a private individual to construct a private driveway to a "private subdivision."

Under existing regulations, simply put, anyone selling two or more lots constitutes a subdivision which must meet the conditions set forth in the regulations.

Pool recommended that the regulations be amended to allow the construction of a private driveway provided that it is designated as such by a sign and noted on the owner's plat. A footage requirement on the right-of-way would be included in the amendment.

The commissioners elected to study the proposal more before taking any action.

Pool asked the county attorney, Kenneth Fuller, about the voting district map which he had agreed to obtain from the federal court several months ago.

Fuller stated that he had not gotten the maps, but promised to have them by the first of the year.

Pool will take the maps once they have been obtained and have a Coffee County map printed showing the seven voting districts.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks once again brought up the "farmers' produce issue."

He told commissioners that after discussing the issue with Commissioner Robert Stephens, he had another proposal to be considered by the commission.

Brooks proposed that a farmers' market be established for Coffee County farmers. The market would be located at the Farm Center in New Brockton and would be in operation during the growing season each year.

It was noted that the County Extension Service would have to be enlisted to assist in the establishment of the farmers' market.

The commission appointed Brooks, Stephens, and Commissioner Bill Faulk to study the proposal and at a later date, present a plan to establish a farmers' market. It was agreed that the market would be strictly for farmers within Coffee County.

Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:

Accepted the bid of \$259,965.00 from Thompson Tractor Company of Dothan on a track type tractor (bulldozer) to be used at the land mobile payment on the tractor will be \$5,059.11.

Beard Equipment Company of Mobile was the lone bidder on a tree chopper. Their bid was \$22,950.00 (This bid was \$3,000 less than the amount budgeted).

Approved to have the next regular commission meeting on Monday, January 9, 1995.

Gave approval for county employees to set up a comp and/or sick time poolbank from which time can be donated to other employees who experience a catastrophic illness and do not have sick time or vacation to cover their extended absence from work.

Approved the closing of Co. Rd. 402. The proper paperwork has been completed by the only individual land owner along the road.

Approved to send out bid invitations on herbicides (oust and arsenal) to be used by the highway department.

Approved the acceptance of Cotter Enterprises Townhouse Subdivision. It has met all of the regulation requirements.

Approved sending out bid requests on a front-end loader for the highway department (a budgeted piece of equipment).



PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION...made to Marion Sanders. Pictured above (l-r) are: Gilmer Grant, member of the Coffee County Soil Conservation District Board; Sanders, honoree; Robert "Rob" English, member of the Coffee County Soil Conservation District; and Lawrence Creel, chairman of the Coffee County Commission.

Clark resigns as EHS principal

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Elba High School Principal Charles Clark has resigned his position for health reasons, effective January 1st.

In a letter read to the school board Thursday night, Clark requested the medical retirement but promised he would always be available to help the Elba schools wherever possible.

The retirement was accepted unanimously (but reluctantly) by the board. Board member Daniel Stephens expressed the sentiments of other board members when he said, "Only because it is in his best interest will I second this motion."

They instructed Superintendent Charles Pearce to write a letter on behalf of the board thanking Clark for his service to the Elba schools. Pearce added, "He deserves a 'Thank You' and I assure you he will get one from me."

Pearce explained to the board members that for the balance of the school year, he would be filling in at the high school with Assistant Principal David Stokes.

The superintendent explained that Stokes was qualified and doing a good job as was the entire staff at the central office. "This combination is what will allow me to fill this dual capacity," he added.

A letter from the Alabama Department of Education acknowledgment receipt of the annual audit of the local schools. It read in part:

Please See EHS, Page 12

Elba council holds two-in-one meeting

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council held two meetings Monday evening. This was apparently to comply with Alabama law which requires the council to meet twice every month and at the same time free government officials to enjoy Christmas.

They went through the roll call, prayer...the whole bit twice, with only a five minute break between.

The highlight of meeting #1 was a report from Council member Bill Brunson, chairman of the finance committee, that the city's cash flow was improving and he could see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Brunson said the cash flow was improving somewhat, it is still slow and on a week-to-week basis, but getting some better.

Brunson reported the committee was fairly optimistic the city could get through the next few weeks or until property tax, etc. starts coming in during January.

He noted that there was some \$215,000 in short term notes, some annual insurance payments and the workman's comp. payment due in the next several months.

The committee plans to concentrate on retiring those short term notes after the final payment is made in January on the settlements of the wrongful firing lawsuits.

City employees were given a one time pay raise (i.e. Christmas bonus) of \$50 for full time workers and \$25 for part time employees.

Police Chief Jack Parker discussed with the council the problems incurred during power outages such as the two which have happened recently.

The council agreed to a still incomplete plan to move, install and/or upgrade communication equipment to eliminate this bottleneck and potential lack of communication.

Timothy Williams asked for council support of a program he is operating to keep youths out of trouble. It includes basketball and tutoring of younger children.

Williams reported problems with the basketball in the present Mulberry location. He noted the children are being harassed and "picked at."

The council urged Williams to get with Recreation Director Ricky Mullar and work out a place for them to practice basketball. A place for the group to meet and study is also being looked into.

Attorney bills and prosecution responsibility again came under extensive discussion.

The council had a letter from District Attorney Joel Folmar reporting he was forwarding a check for \$609.75 in court costs from Elba cases which he had received during the past 13 months.

This, according to the letter, Please See ONE, Page 12

Second city council meeting

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The second meeting of Monday evening began with approving monthly bills of \$11,796.53.

This meeting was largely taken up with concerns of the insurance company declining to pay some of the attorney fees incurred in the three wrongful firing lawsuits.

City attorney Mark Vaughan and Council member Bill Brunson reported being told in separate discussions that these costs would be covered. The reasoning was that it would actually save the insurance company money to have a local attorney handling some of the work.

Brunson will write one more letter on behalf of the city in an effort to resolve the matter. It will be signed by the mayor and each member of the council.

Council member Brad Wilson voted no on this motion. He didn't explain his reasons.

Problems with the garbage collection contract continued to plague the city government.

Vaughan reported on a meeting Please See TWO, Page 12

* * HAPPENINGS * *

AFTER HOURS CHRISTMAS PARTY The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold their Business After Hours and Christmas Party Thursday (today), December 15, at the Senior Citizens Center at 5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSING The City of Elba offices will be closed December 23 and 24, 1994 in observance of the Christmas holidays. For electrical, water and street emergencies, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage pick-up schedule for the week of December 19, will be as follows: Monday, December 19th, as usual; Tuesday, December 20th, as usual; Wednesday, December 21st, the Thursday route will run; Thursday, December 22nd, the Friday route will run. No pick-up on Friday, December 23rd. The Town of New Brockton offices will also be closed on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26.